Increase in the prices of building materials

446. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prices of building materials have escalated enormously since the beginning of the year, despite various measures taken under Budget for 1989-90;

(b) if so, the details of the extent of escalation in respect of each item, since January, 1989; and

(c) the steps being taken to keep the prices under control and the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a)and(b) A statement showing the wholesale prices of essential building materials from January, 1989 to June 1989 is given in Annexure [See Appendex CLI, Ann-exure. No. 31]

(c) With a view to reducing dependence on scarce conventional building materials, *viz.,* steel , cement, wood, etc., a lot of research work has been undertaken in the development of innovative and low cost building materials using locally available resources.

447. *[Transferred to the list July* 1989]

Repetition of Telecast of Telugu Films by Delhi Doordarshan

448. SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the regional films, in Telgu being telecast by Delhi Doordarshan, are the repeated ones;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the action taken to telecast new Telugu films from Delhi Doordarshan during 1989-90?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Regional language films like Telugu films are usually telecast from Delhi Doordarshan on the national network on Sundays afternoon on a rotational basis so as to give equal representation to all eligible regional language films. National Award winning or Panorama films are eligible for consideration for telecast in this chunk. All the eligible feature films in Telugu offered for telecast by the producers/right-holders are duly considered by Doordarshan.

Rising trend in the prices of essential commodities

449. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prices of essential commodities are rising fast in the recent months; if so, what are the reason thereon;

(b) the prevailing rates of wheat rice, pulses, jowar bajra, tea, sugar, vanaspati, washing soap, milk, potatoes, onions, moong dal, arhar dal, urad, masur, oil, and salt during the months January, 1988, June, 1988, Jaunary, 1989 and June, 1989; and

(c) the details of steps being taken to check the rising prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) There has been a mixed